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(From left:) Provost Jane Fernandes, Graduate Student Association President Mary Silvestri, Student Body Government Vice President Katie Canfield, and President Jordan cut the ribbon at an October 3 ceremony for the campus to celebrate the opening of the Student Academic Center and the Student Union Building renovation. Dr. Jordan called the planning for the SAC and SUB, "a wonderful example of what we do best—setting goals and working together as a community." The ribbon cutting could have been held in early July during Deaf Way II, but Jordan said he decided to wait until the fall when classes are in session, "because this is a *student* center," he emphasized. Provost Jane Fernandes commented that the SAC/SUB is something that "all of Gallaudet can be proud of." The buildings, she said, "have changed the campus" and have become "the center of life" on Kendall Green. She added that the emphasis on technology in the SAC "provides a wonderful opportuni-

### **Celebration honors major donors to Student Academic Center**



Sen. Tom Harkin (D-lowa) told the audience how proud he is—and how proud his late deaf brother, Frank, would have been—to have their name on the Student Academic Center's Harkin Digital Learning Center.

A celebration was held in the Student Academic Center's commons area on October 16 to honor major donors whose contributions made possible this dynamic new facility where learning and student life converge.

The Student Academic Center represents, in the words of President Jordan, "what we can do as a community." Many colleges and universities would have assembled a small group of administrators and architects to plan a building, said Dr. Jordan. But this, he said, "is not the Gallaudet way. We sat down together and planned something that truly benefits the entire community." He added, "I'm honored to have so many of you who made this happen" present for the ceremony, and he extended a special appreciation to Dr. Cynthia King, executive director of academic technology and herself a major donor, for her ideas and leadership.

"From concept to concrete" has

been an oft-used slogan in describing the progress of the Student Academic Center from planning to reality. Linda Jordan extended the phrase to include the words, "to opportunity," explaining that the donors "not only helped build [the Student Academic Center], but you helped change the lives of current students and those who use it in the future."

After greetings by Darius McCall, president of the Student Body Government, and Mary Silvestri, president of the Graduate Student Association, who thanked the donors for investing in Gallaudet's future, Bill Oliver, vice president for public relations for AT&T and a member of the University's Board of Associates, introduced Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa). The Student Academic Center's technology center is named for Harkin and his family. Harkin is a long-time supporter of Gallaudet and a champion for leg-

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## University of Maryland, Baltimore County, president kicks off Enrichment Day

reeman," his mother said,
"you are special. And you can
be even better,"

Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, shared his mother's words of wisdom with Gallaudet students, staff, and faculty gathered in Elstad Auditorium for the opening of Enrichment Day on October 15. "Her words, which have guided me throughout my personal and professional life, are as pertinent today as they were when I first heard them as a youngster," he said.

Hrabowski's presentation underscored the Enrichment Day theme: "Planning for the Gallaudet Student Now and in the Future." He identified three critical issues that all colleges and universities must address if they are to meet the challenges facing higher education today: the changing racial and ethnic composition of current and future student populations, technology's impact on higher education learning, and the need to instill in students a greater sense of integrity.

Following Hrabowski's comments, a panel of faculty, students, and staff expanded on the issues he



Enrichment Day keynote speaker Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, talks about changing student demographics in Elstad Auditorium October 15.

raised.

Graduate School and
Professional Programs Dean
Thomas Allen presented an
overview of changing demographics of the nation's deaf population
and their implications for
Gallaudet. "Twenty-two years ago,
when I first came to Gallaudet, one
of every two deaf children attended
residential schools," he said.

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A painting of the Gallaudet campus by young artist Bishamy Mourning is one of the 26 city scenes depicted on a 614-foot mural that covers the temporary wall dividing Florida Avenue from the Metro station construction project. The mural was undertaken this summer by students ages 6 to 17 from the Perry School Art Center's summer program, who were assigned to capture the essence of Washington, D.C., through their eyes. When the wall is taken down, the artwork will go to several entities for public display.



President Jordan presents a gift to Dr. Cynthia King, executive director of academic technology, for her outstanding leadership and support of the Student Academic Center through all of its planning phases.

#### **Gally Facts**

- (1) True or False: More Gallaudet undergraduates earn advanced degrees after graduation than their peers at other universities.
- (2) What percentage of Gallaudet faculty
- have doctorate degrees?

  (a) Less than 50 percent
- (b) More than 50 percent but less than 60 percent
- (c) More than 60 percent but less
- than 70 percent
- (d) More than 70 percent

#2 — D. Technically, the answer is that 75 percent of faculty have a terminal degree, most of which are PhD's.

These statistics about Gallaudet were provided by the Office of Planning.

Answers:



Daniel Kirby, director of contracts and construction (right), congratulates Michael Lockhart, manager of contracts and purchasing, for 30 years of service to the University.

**Department of Public Safety** Manager Jennifer Turner presents a plaque of appreciation to Bernard Holt, who is retiring as director of the department after 30 years of cumulative service, at an October 3 reception in 'Ole





Dr. Carol Erting, a professor in the Department of Education, is congratulated by co-workers for 25 years of service to Gallaudet at an October 2 depart-



**Student Affairs Dean Carl Pramuk** and Student Development **Programs Director** Jerri Lyn Klimkiewicz present Coordinator of Orientation **Programs Norma** Buemi her 25-year service award at a September 27 reception in her honor.



CLAST Dean Jane Dillehay and CLAST Academic Departments and Summer and Saturday at Gallaudet Associate Dean Karen Kimmel recognize department chairs who have reached employment milestones at the University at a September 19 meeting. Pictured (from left) are: Mathematics and Computer Science Chair Fat Lam (25 years), Dr. Dillehay, Dr. Kimmel, Biology Chair Ann Powell (25 years), Communication Studies Chair Rosemary Weller (40 years), English Chair Nancy Kensicki (35 years), and Theatre Arts Chair Jeffrey Grandel (30 years).

# HOLES ENOW DEBRONNER

Service awards for September:

Five Years:

Anna Hall, logistics/sports information assistant, Clerc Center; Kellie Valdez, teacher aide, Child Development Center

Ten years:

James Tabron, facilities support staff assistant, Facilities/Housing Services

Fifteen years:

Todd Byrd, senior writer/editor/photo editor, Public Relations; Peter Fitzgibbons, Research Scientist II, Audiology

Twenty years:

Linda Delk, program evaluation coordinator, Clerc Center; Frank Turk, work experience specialist, Clerc Center

Twenty-five years:

Gary Grant, carpenter I. Maintenance Service: James Hayes, weekend coordinator, Clerc Center; Roger Beach, professor/chair, Counseling

Department; Russell Perkins, dissemination specialist, Graduate School/Research; Gertrude Lewis, employment specialist, Human Resources

Thirty-five years:

Pearl Harkins, administrative secretary, Clerc Center

New employees hired in September:

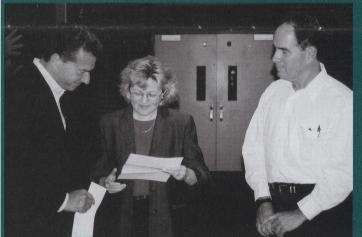
Nicolah Alharazim, auditing intern, Audit and Management Advisory Services; Nicole Alleman, personal counselor associate, Clerc Center; Bernarda Blanco, custodian, Custodial Services; Leslie Brewer, dispatcher/customer service rep., Public Safety; Gwendolyn Cavanaugh, custodian, Custodial Services; Christopher Coakley, PC support specialist, Clerc Center; Kelly Crain, research technician, Phonological Training; Jason Duerstock, senior securi-

David Fraser, staff residential

teacher/researcher, Clerc Center ty administator, Networks Communications; Chad Duhon, academic coordinator, Athletics;

assistant, Residence Life; Tracey Kempton, program assistant, Summer Programs; Rochelle Langford, teacher, Child Development Center; Jon Mitchiner, special projects manager, Information Technology Services; Doris Parent, assistant director, corporate and foundation relations, Development Office; Tissa Peiris, sign language tutor, English Language Institute; Charity Hines, director, Admissions; Jennifer Reins, residential educator, Clerc Center; Amy Weinberg,

**Promotions for September:** Respicius Batamula, senior academic systems programmer and engineer, Learning Technologies: Deborah DeStefano, executive director, Enrollment Services; **Shannon** Kennedy, e-learning facilitator, Learning Technologies; Gloria Pagan, ESL teacher/



During an October 4 visit to campus, David Montanaro, CEO and chairman of the board of NEC Eluminant Technologies, Inc., presents Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski a check for \$15,000 to support the TecEds project, an initiative to advance the education of deaf and hard of hearing students by incorporating technology into the curriculum. Also pictured is TecEds director Phil

researcher, Clerc Center

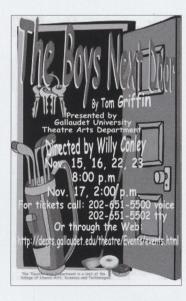
## **Theatre Arts Department presents** The Boys Next Door

The Boys Next Door, an off-Broadway success about four men with mental retardation living in a communal residence under the eye of a sincere, but increasingly despairing social worker, will be brought to the Elstad Auditorium stage by Gallaudet's Theatre Arts Department on November 15, 16, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m., and November 17 at 2 p.m.

The humorous, yet touching play, for ages 16 and older, was written by Tom Griffin and will be directed by Willy Conley, an associate professor in the Theatre Arts Department.

Tickets prices (cash or check) are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students with I.D. Tickets can be ordered by phone, x5500 (Voice) or x5502 (TTY), by fax, x5968, by e-mail,

theatre.tickets@gallaudet.edu, or through the department's website, http://depts.gallaudet.edu/theatre/ events/events.html. Tickets must



be picked up no later than 30 minutes before the start of the perform-

Elstad Box Office hours are: November 11-14, 2-5 p.m.; November 15, 2-8 p.m.; November 16, 5-8 p.m.; November 17, noon to 2 p.m.; November 18-21, 2-5p.m.; November 22, 2-8 p.m.; and November 23, 5-8 p.m. **G** 



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Photo by Mike Kaika

## **OneDayTV Film Video Festival showcases deaf and** hard of hearing talents

he OneDayTV Film and Video Festival, held at the Gallaudet Unviersity Kellogg Conference Center October 9 and 10, featured a broad selection of films by deaf and hard of hearing filmmakers and showcased a wide range of talent.

The festival was sponsored by Gallaudet, the conference center, and a long list of others. Joel Barish, festival coordinator, emphasized that the reason for the festival was to show what deaf people can do, especially in the areas of media, since there is a lot of untapped talent within the community. This was a rare opportunity for people to see many different films by deaf and hard of hearing filmmakers at one time, and OneDayTV hopes to have another festival of this nature in the future.

A deaf-owned company, OneDayTV focuses on streaming video, DVDs, CD-ROMs, and providing high quality video productions and consulting services.

Another highlight of the event were appearances by Sue Thomas and Deanne Bray of the new TV series "Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye." The PAX TV network program debuted on October 13, and can be seen every Sunday at 9 p.m. Thomas, a deaf woman who once worked surveillance for the FBI for three and a half years, along with Deanne Bray, the actress who plays her on the new TV series, took part in a press conference as well as a question and answer session on October 9.

Thomas, who communicates orally but has learned some sign

SANTAGEN SHOWU

CODA conference in Philadelphia, Pa.



During the film festival, deaf actress Deanna Bray (left) the star of PAX TV's, "Sue Thomas: F.B. Eye," the story of a deaf FBI agent, poses with the real Sue Thomas next to the poster promoting the new program.

language, said that she is thrilled to have a TV series based on her work with the FBI. She started out in fingerprinting but moved into surveillance after her lipreading skills were recognized. The project of chronicling her life has been in the works for 12 years, beginning with a book before evolving into the TV series. Thomas said she is thrilled to be working with Bray, who she thinks has done a wonderful job portraying her life in the FBI and really seeking to understand her

Bray, who has performed with both the National Theater of the Deaf and Deaf West Theater, said the role was a challenge for her, especially the voice aspects, but working with a voice coach served her well. Bray is also a fluent signer, although viewers will not see her sign in the series until after about the fifth episode.

Model Secondary School for the Deaf

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#### **Celebration honors** donors

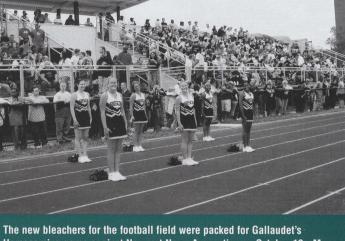
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islation benefiting the deaf and disability communities, including the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Television Decoder Circuitry Act. Harkin spoke of how his deaf brother, Frank, fought for his rights, and inspired him in his work on disability law. Harkin recalled his brother's first visit to Gallaudet in 1987, and how afterward, he said, "Maybe I could start over, and I could go there." Harkin said, "I think he understood that Gallaudet is the path of opportunity for deaf people. He died two years ago, but I know how proud he'd be to see our name at the top of the Harkin Digital Learning Center."

In closing, Board of Trustees Chair Glenn Anderson pointed out that the Student Academic Center and the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center are the only buildings on campus to be built with private funds, although a third, a communication center, is being planned. "This building is here," he said, "because you believe in Gallaudet."



Andrew Bush, director of the Office of Family Assistance, U.S. **Department of Health and Human** Services, speaks with students in Dennis Plane's political science and Elizabeth Creamer's social work classes in the SAC on October 2. Bush discussed public welfare policy, how current policies affect low-income families, and how the welfare system has been affected by the current economic downturn. Bush's visit was initiated by Kurt Schneidmiller, director of institutional research, who is from Bush's hometown of Wellsville, Ohio, and whose



Homecoming game against Newport News Apprentice on October 12. Many people commented that the new seating offered an improved view of the action on Hotchkiss Field.

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

## **Homecoming sporting event results**

#### Football:

The rapidly improving football team fought a tough battle with Newport News Apprentice (5-1) before losing 23-5. A 25-yard field goal on the final play of the first half by Mike DeMeglio brought the score to 8-5, where it stayed until a Newport News fumble recovery that was returned to the one-yard line—and eventually turned into a touchdown, with two minutes left in the third quarter—ended the Bison's hopes. Reggie Adams scored the other two Gallaudet points when he recovered a fumbled Newport News extra point try, and returned it 97 yards. Jason Coleman gained 83 yards rushing on 22 carries, and completed 13 passes on 27 attempts for 147 yards to lead the offensive attack. Matty Miller caught four of those passes for 61 yards. On defense, Jason Yeh had two and a half tackles for a loss, and Marlon Wynne had six solo tackles and four assists. Gallaudet's record after the game was 1-5.

#### Women's Soccer:

The women's soccer team beat Loyola University of New Orleans

5-1 to go to 6-7 on the season. Johanna Karmgard scored two goals and had one assist, and Kelli Beechy scored one goal and had two assists. Stacey Jones and Justine Peloso each added one goal to the winning total.

#### Men's Soccer:

The men's soccer team fought a tight defensive game before losing 1-0 to Lincoln University. Goalie Nathan Barnes made 12 saves, and Blake Herbold and Norman Chan each had two shot attempts during the game. The Bison record stood at 2-11 after the loss.

#### Volleyball:

The University hosted the Gallaudet Volleyball Tournament, and the Bison went 2-2 during the weekend to finish in third place out of five teams. Gallaudet beat Johns Hopkins 30-25, 30-25, 26-30, 16-30, 17-15, and Marymount 30-26, 30-24, 30-20. The two losses came against tournament champion Catholic 16-30, 24-30, 24-30, and Mount Aloysius 17-30, 22-30, 21-30. Raylene Lotz and Valerie Trofimenkoff were named to the All-Tournament team.

# Showcase—MSSD students display theatrical talent

Tom Bull, staff interpreter with Gallaudet Interpreting Service, present-

children with deaf parents (codas) in April and May for interpreters, deaf

ed two weekend workshops about bicultural family issues of hearing

parents, codas, and professionals in Arkansas and Indiana. Bull also

presented at the summer conference of the National Association of the

family strand during Deaf Way II, and presented at the International

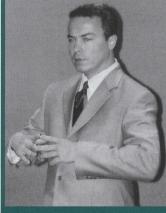
Deaf in Washington, D.C., coordinated a Coda Symposium as part of the

The community will have an opportunity to see talented MSSD students display their natural flair for the theater November 8 and 9 when the school's Performing Arts Department hosts Showcase.

The presentation will feature an array of entertainment styles—improvisation, dance, mime, drama, storytelling, and comedy, offering the audience a unique opportunity to see the wealth of talent and the individual personalities of these gifted students.

Showcase will be presented

on the KDES stage November 8 at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., and November 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens. MSSD and KDES students will be admitted free. For ticket reservations, e-mail matthew.vita@gallaudet.edu, or call/fax Liz Hill at x5758.



fathers are lifelong friends.



The weekend of October 11 and 12 was an opportunity for families of Gallaudet students to visit them and see how they are adjusting to college life. Forty-five families came for this year's Family Weekend. Elba Luz Avelar (right) came from California to visit her son Salatiel Pineda, a sophomore, and also had the opportunity to meet President Jordan. Also in the photo is a Spanish interpreter, Laura Van Druff.

#### **Enrichment Day**

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"Today one out of five do."

ASL and Deaf Studies Assistant Professor MJ Bienvenu focused attention on the services and programs that are available—or should be available—to a student body as diverse as Gallaudet's. "Gallaudet is a home away from home for many of us, but we have to admit that such things as sexism, racism, anti-Semitism, and audism exist here in our home," she said.

Tower Clock Editor Jason Gunderson stressed the benefits to students who become involved in extracurricular activities. "They teach us important things about ourselves. ... Sure we will make mistakes, but we will learn from them," he said.

ASL and Deaf Studies Assistant Professor Carolyn McCaskill Henry's presentation was on communication, language, and Deaf Culture. She reminded the audience that many students come to Gallaudet to "discover themselves," which is a good thing, but that some come with "negative perceptions of race, language, gender, etc," which only frustrate the self-discovery process.

Student Affairs Dean Carl
Pramuk, who addressed issues of
civility, ethics, and values, stunned
everyone when he held up a
defaced plaque on which the
Gallaudet Credo had been printed.
It was an example, he said, of blatant incivility on campus. "We will
have failed if our students graduate



At a group discussion, "Signing All the Time and How Do We Respect Diverse Communication Modes in a Visual Environment?" sophomore Brendan Stern makes a point while co-moderator Dirksen Bauman, associate professor of ASL and deaf studies, looks on. Enrichment Day offered over 20 breakout sessions focusing on six areas: Effective Programs and Services for Diverse Students; An Overview—Changing Student Demographics: Major Trends and Implications; Role of Student Organizations and Publications; Communication, Language, and Deaf Culture; Civility, Ethics, and Values in a Changing Society; and Using Student Data for Assessment and Planning.

with 4.0 grade point averages, but do not possess civility," Pramuk concluded.

The final panelist was Special Assistant to the President for Planning Fred Weiner, who explained the importance of collecting and assessing strategic data about students in order to ensure that they succeed at Gallaudet. "Right now we don't have a lot of good information about the student experience," he said, "but we need

it [so we can determine] what tools we should have that will help students stay in school."

These and related issues were discussed further in the afternoon small group discussions.

Recommendations from each discussion group will be reviewed by the Academic Affairs Planning

Committee and will become part of the data used to determine priorities for Academic Affairs.

#### **Campus Climate Process timeline:**

Campus Climate Team formed

Consultation interviews with community members

Survey distributed

Summer 2002

Town Hall Meeting

September 19, 2002

Stakeholder Conference

September 23-25, 2002

Workgroups formed

October 2002

Let On the Green keep you up-to-date on the Campus Climate Process.

# (LEBC (ENTER HUDDENING)

# **Go Lisa! Deaf cheerleader rouses** spirits for Miami Dolphins fans



Lisa Fishbein

By Mary Ellen Carew

isa Fishbein, a former MSSD student, has become a cheer-leader for the 2002 Miami Dolphins football team. She is the third deaf person to hold a full-time job as a cheerleader for a professional football team.

Cheerleading at the professional level, "is a new and exciting experience for me," said Fishbein. "I am a huge football fan," she said. "I loved cheerleading in high school,

and I wanted to continue cheering after graduation."

Fishbein joined the Miami
Dolphins Cheerleaders (MDC)
training class last spring. The training class led to a competitive threephase audition that the MDC
organization holds every year.
Judges look for "striking looks, lots
of smiles, and ladies who exude
confidence and energy." Two hundred women competed, and
Fishbein was one of 41 finalists
selected.

"I couldn't believe that I made it," said Fishbein. "I was shocked and thrilled at the same time."

Both veteran and aspiring cheerleaders must audition each year for the chance to lead the cheers for the Miami Dolphins. The cheerleaders travel with the Dolphins and cheer for them at every game. They also take part in personal appearances, interviews, and children's camps and answer fan mail.

Fishbein feels fortunate that one member of the cheerleader squad is also a sign language interpreter who is teaching the other cheerleaders some signs.

"Then I can communicate with them easily," said Fishbein.

"Go Dolphins!" 🕥

# AJTAOQJA DNIVOA

And remember, progress is in the process!

Do you support the administration's decision to remove the mounted buffalo (bison) head from the Student Union Building food court, in response to complaints by students and staff, and why?



Nancy Harbison, junior:

Yes, I support the administration's decision. I am proud that the bison is our mascot. However the point of this issue is that it is a REAL buffalo, a VERY sacred animal to Native Americans. It reflects American Indians' religious ritual, spiritual traditions, and beliefs. Also it is offensive to vegans and animal rights activists as well. The SUB is NOT a trophy or hunting room.



Danny Lucero, assistant for annual giving, Development Office:

Yes, because the Great Buffalo, or bison, is a sacred animal among the Plains Indians. It was their sole means of survival and they were wiped out almost to extinction by the white men as a means of getting rid of the American Indians and to make way for the railroad across the West. Despite it being removed, I am proud of our mascot.



Jennifer Piroth, graduate student:

Yes! I am very pleased with the administration's decision.
Gallaudet is meant to be a campus where all people feel respected. I think this decision supports that mission. I am a vegetarian and a strong advocate of animal rights. The bison head was not a symbol of pride for me.



Noel Rivera, junior:

I partially agree with the administration's decision to remove the bison head from the SUB food court area.
There is a preferable alternative, which is a mural or painting on the wall, on the spot where the bison head was

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#### October

**29**–Men's Soccer vs. Shepherd College, 4 p.m.

**30**—Turn-A-Page-Together, noon, SUB, pre-registration required, for more information, contact KP Perkins, x5144; Women's Soccer vs. Newmann College, 4 p.m.

**31**—Roundtable Discussion, a time to come together and problem-solve, open to CLAST faculty, 9-10 a.m., HMB S150, for more information, contact Janice Johnson at x5224.

#### November

**4**—PFLAG Meeting, support group for GLBT community and allies, 7:30-9 p.m., SAC 1210, for more information, contact Jane Hurst, x5672.

**5—**Course registration for spring semester for currently enrolled undergraduate students; Graduation application deadline for December and May graduation, undergraduate and graduate students.

**6**—Travel Fest, representatives from the travel industry will present their products and services, plus giveaways and prize drawings, 11 a.m.—2 p.m., SUB Multipurpose Room, for more information, contact Brian Huntington, x5227; Turn-A-Page-Together, noon, SUB, pre-registration required, for more information, contact KP Perkins, x5144.

**7–**CLAST Open Forum, join the dean and associate deans in this informal open discussion about CLAST, open to CLAST faculty and staff, 9:30–10:30 a.m., HMB S150, for more information, contact Janice Johnson, x5224.

**8**—Roundtable Discussion, a time to come together and problemsolve, open to CLAST faculty, 9-10 a.m., HMB S150. for more information, contact Janice Johnson, x5224; NCATE PEP Meeting, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 'Ole Jim,' for more information, contact Patricia Hulsebosch, x5530.